



FOSTER YOUTH PROGRAMS-CSU



Cal State University Fullerton - Guardian Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Application open year round
- No age limit or deadline to apply
- Provide copy of Foster Youth Verification or Ward of Court Doc

SCHOLARSHIP AP

- Open Nov.-Mar. 2nd each year
- Verify FY after 13
- Under age 26
- Provide copy of Foster Youth Verification or Ward of Court Doc

CONTACT

- Jaime Hamilton
- jehamilton@fullerton.edu
- (657) 278-2389
- <http://www.fullerton.edu/scholars/>

IMPACTED MAJORS

- Computer Engineering BS/MS
- Dance
- Music
- Theatre
- Nursing

ASSIST WITH...

- Foster Youth Program Applications
- Housing Applications
- Academic support resources

Cal State University Dominguez Hills- Toro Guardian Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Submit Toro Guardian Scholars application through email or in person
- Submit verification of foster care lived experience (dependency letter or ward of court document)

CONTACT

- Marie Medina
- mmedinal27@csudh.edu
- (310) 243-2052
- <https://www.csudh.edu/tgs/>
- Financial Aid - Marcela Vega
- (310) 243-3691
- mvega@csudh.edu

ASSIST WITH...

- University Housing Application and fees
- Emergency financial support
- Textbooks

Cal State University Fresno - Renaissance Scholars Program

REQUIREMENTS

- Separate application is required for FY program
- <https://forms.gle/Pb4E6f4bzaxB2gTe6>
- Accepting Applications October 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022
- RSP Interviews will be scheduled April 2022
- Students notified accepted into RSP early May 2022
- To be fully accepted, RSP applicant must attend 2 day / 1 night RSP LINC orientation at Fresno State July 7-8, 2022. Students will stay in the dorms

CONTACT

- Ofelia Gamez & Adriana Vasquez
- (559) 278-5055
- <https://studentaffairs.fresno.state.edu/rsp/>
- Financial Aid - Erin Connor or Lisa McReynolds
- (559) 278-2182
- <https://studentaffairs.fresno.state.edu/financialaid/contact-us.html>

ASSIST WITH...

- Admissions Applications
- Housing Applications (FY get priority)
- FAFSA/CADAA;
- College Applications

IMPACTED MAJORS

- Nursing
- Social Work

Sacramento State University - Guardian Scholars Program

REQUIREMENTS

- No deadline to submit an application
- No age limit to apply
- Must be accepted to Sacramento State University;
- Must be able to provide their dependency document (typically this would be court papers or Dept. of Social Services; any documentation stating the youth was in foster care, adopted, a ward of the court, orphan, or McKinney Vento)
- The student will need to fill out our GSP application;
- Sign the consent and agreement forms
- Write an essay answering the questions listed on the check list

CONTACT

- Susan Kischmischian; Angelica Perez
- susan.kischmischian@csus.edu
- angelica.perez@csus.edu
- (916) 278-6680
- <https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/centers-programs/guardian-scholars/>

ASSIST WITH...

- Admissions Applications
- Housing Applications (FY get priority)
- FAFSA/CADAA;
- College Applications

IMPACTED MAJORS

- Business Administration (minimum 2.4 GPA)
- Criminal Justice (Overall GPA of 2.6 or higher)
- Graphic Design
- Health Science (No supplemental application required)
- Nursing (minimum 3.0)
- Psychology (Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.30 in all college level units)
- Public Health (No supplemental application required) Have a 2.5 minimum in overall GPA

Cal State University Northridge - Resilient Scholars Program

REQUIREMENTS

- Apply to CSUN
- Apply to EOP
- Due date to apply 4/15/22
- If accepted to EOP - Must participate in a Summer Bridge Program
- Apply to RSP
- Foster Care experience - must submit Court Dependency Letter with application

CONTACT

- Orlando Roybal
- EOPRSP@CSUN.EDU
- (818)677-4151
- <https://www.csun.edu/csun-eop/milt-and-debbie-valera-eop-resilient-scholars-program>
- Financial Aid contact: Karla Loreto
- (818) 677-4085
- FINANCIAL.AID@CSUN.EDU

ASSIST WITH...

- Housing Applications
- Foster Youth Program Applications
- FAFSA/CADAA
- College Applications

CSU San Bernardino- EOP Renaissance Resilient Scholars Program

REQUIREMENTS

- Be a current or former foster youth student applying to or currently attending CSU San Bernardino
- Be able to participate in Summer Bridge program (if you are an incoming EOP first-time freshman student)
- Be able and willing to submit an online application, write a personal statement and participate in a personal interview
- Please visit our website (link below) for further information on application deadlines etc.

CONTACT

- Reneisha Wilkes, RSP Coordinator
- Reneisha.Wilkes@csusb.edu
- Rosalinda “Rosie” Martinez, RSP Advisor
- Rmartinez8@csusb.edu
- (909) 537-5042 (main office)
- <https://www.csusb.edu/eop/renaissance-scholars/apply-renaissance-scholars-program>
- Financial Aid contact: Dianne Byrd (EOP Financial Aid Liaison)
- dbyard@csusb.edu
- (909) 537-3850

ASSIST WITH...

- Foster Youth Program Applications
- Housing Applications
- FAFSA/CADAA
- College Applications

IMPACTED MAJORS

- The following majors are impacted and may have GPA minimum requirements and/or prerequisites for acceptance:
- Psychology
- Criminal Justice
- Social Work
- Kinesiology
- Pre-Nursing

California State University San Marcos - ACE Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Meet all admissions eligibility for first time freshman at a CSU
- Documented Foster Care Placement
- Apply to ACE Scholars Services no later than Feb 1st
- Submit Verification of Foster Care Dependency letter
- Participate in Spring campus visit and meeting with ACE staff to discuss program requirements
- Participate in 6-week summer bridge program, maintain full time status and must live on campus freshman year

CONTACT

- Laurie Orr
- lorr@csusm.edu
- 760-750-4862 (direct)
- www.csusm.edu/ace (program application on website)
- For Financial Inquiries: 760-750-4850 or finaid@csusm.edu - please indicate ACE Scholar in communications with financial aid

ASSIST WITH...

- Foster Youth Program Applications
- ACE assists students from the submission on their application to their completion of their academic journey at CSUSM

IMPACTED MAJORS

- Biological Sciences
- Biotechnology
- Business Administration
- Communication
- Electrical Engineering
- Kinesiology
- Mass Media
- Nursing, Pre-Licensure
- Software Engineering
- *Note: each program has their own supplemental criteria

California State University Pomona - Renaissance Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a current or former foster youth (must have been in foster care on or after 13th birthday)
- Adoption and reunification cases will be reviewed for consideration on a case-by-case basis
- Must qualify as an "Independent" student under federal financial aid guidelines
- Must be a California resident or an AB 540/2000 nonresident tuition exemption student
- Application deadline 1/15/22

CONTACT

- Makeda Bostic
- mdbostic@cpp.edu
- 909 869 3169
- <https://www.cpp.edu/ssep/renaissance-scholars/index.shtml>
- Financial Aid:
finaid@cpp.edu
- (909) 869-3700

IMPACTED MAJORS

- Psychology (Freshmen & Transfer)
- Sociology (Transfer Only)
- Impaction Website :
<https://www.cpp.edu/admissions/campus-impaction.shtml>

Cal State University Long Beach- Guardian Scholars Program

REQUIREMENTS

- Current or Former FY
- Currently enrolled in CSULB
- Separate application is required for FY program
- A Completed FAFSA or CADAA
- Complete Separate Guardian Scholar Application

CONTACT

- Oneida Santana
- oneida.santana@csulb.edu
- (562) 985-2639
- https://web.csulb.edu/divisions/students/guardian_scholars/index.html
- Eduardo Leyva
- eduardo.leyva@csulb.edu
- <https://www.sjsu.edu/eop/guardian-scholars/index.php>

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications
- Foster Youth Program Applications
- FAFSA/CADAA
- Housing Applications;Resources;

Sonoma State University - Seawolf Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Qualify for admission to Sonoma State University as a freshman or transfer undergraduate student
- Must be a current or former Foster Youth, based on the definition above
- Complete the Seawolf Scholars Application
- Meet with the Seawolf Scholars Program Coordinator
- Provide Foster Youth or Unaccompanied Homeless Youth documentation

CONTACT

- Khou Yang-Vigil
- yangvigi@sonoma.edu
- 707-664-2427
- <https://seawolfsscholars.sonoma.edu/>
- Financial Aid:
vasquedu@sonoma.edu
- 707-664-2389

IMPACTED MAJORS

- Refer to SSU Admissions website for impacted majors information and criteria for first-time, first-year students (freshmen)
<https://admissions.sonoma.edu/how-apply/impacted-majors>

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA
- Housing Applications

San Francisco State University - Guardian Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Ward of the Court letter
- Must have spent at least one day in out-of-home placement
- A separate FY Program Application is required
- Due date for the application is 5/1/22

CONTACT

- Xochitl Sanchez
- gsp@sfsu.edu
- 415-405-0546
- <https://eop.sfsu.edu/gsp>
- Financial Aid: Khushboo Shah
- Kshah@sfsu.edu
- 415-338-6091

ASSIST WITH...

- Housing Applications

California State University, Stanislaus - Promise Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Both current and former foster youth are eligible for Promise Scholars. Also accepted under the Foster Youth definition is: Guardianship Care/Kinship Care
- Ward of the Court
- Emancipated Minor
- Unaccompanied Homeless Youth
- Independent by Appeal (must be updated yearly)
- Scholars Applicants should meet the following eligibility criteria:
 - Former foster youth between the ages of 17-23
 - Must be a California resident
 - Qualify for admission to Stan State
 - Complete the Promise Scholars Application (see below)
 - Complete the FASFA
 - Provide Foster Youth or Unaccompanied Homeless Youth documentation
 - Meet with Promise Scholar Program Lead

CONTACT

- Libby Pata
- lpata@csustan.edu
- 209-664-6943
- <https://www.csustan.edu/promise-scholars>
- Financial Aid: Yolanda Alcaraz
- yalcaraz@csustan.edu
- 707-664-6584

IMPACTED MAJORS

- Nursing (3.0)

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA;Housing Applications;

San Jose State University - Guardian Scholars Program

REQUIREMENTS

- Must be admitted to SJSU
- Must be accepted to SJSU EOP
- Submit an application to Guardian Scholars Program with document(s) verifying foster care, ward of the court, legal guardianship, or unaccompanied/homeless status
- Must participate in SJSU EOP Summer Bridge (freshmen only)

IMPACTED MAJORS

- Visit SJSU Impaction webpage
<https://www.sjsu.edu/admissions/impaction/index.php>

ASSIST WITH...

- FAFSA/CADAA;
- Housing Applications;

CONTACT

- Schye Bell
- chandellschye.bell@sjsu.edu
- guardianscholars@sjsu.edu
- 408.924.1098
- <https://www.sjsu.edu/eop/guardian-scholars/index.php>

California State University Los Angeles - Guardian Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Apply to Cal State LA
- Apply to EOP
- Must be a current or former foster youth
- A separate application is required for GSP (<https://www.calstatela.edu/guardianscholars/how-apply#GSPApply>)
- No deadline to submit an application.
- No Age limit to apply.
- Be able to participate in Summer Bridge (Freshmen only)
- Submit Verification of Foster Care Dependency letter

CONTACT

- Martha Contreras
- GSP@calstatela.edu
- (323)343-3211
- <https://www.calstatela.edu/guardianscholars>
- Financial Aid: Janet Gonzalez
- jgonzal31@calstatela.edu
- (323) 343-6260

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications
- Foster Youth Program Applications
- FAFSA/CADAA
- Housing Applications

IMPACTED MAJORS

- Please see here: <https://www.calstatela.edu/admissions/major-specific-criteria-fall-2023>

California State University Bakersfield - Guardian Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Separate application located at www.csub.edu/gsp/guardian-scholars-program-application
- Must be between the ages of 17 & 24
- Qualify for undergraduate admission to CSU Bakersfield as a freshman or transfer student
- Apply to the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
- Be a California Resident
- Qualify for "Independent Student" status under federal financial aid guidelines
- Apply for financial aid by completing either the FAFSA or CADAA.
- Apply for the Chafee Grant by March 2nd
- Be able to participate in EOP Summer Bridge Program, if a first-time freshman

CONTACT

- Miguel Cuate
- mcuate@csub.edu
- (661)654-3215
- Steve Walsh
- swalsh@csub.edu
- (661)654-3218

ASSIST WITH...

- Admission to the university
- Transitional program and support
- Priority registration
- Hierarchy needs
- Emergency funds
- Experiences that enrich students educationally, culturally, and socially
- Preparation for graduation and beyond

IMPACTED MAJORS

- Nursing

REQUIREMENTS

You are eligible for Dolphin Guardian Scholars resources if you meet one of the following criteria:

- Currently or were in a foster care placement any time since birth
- Currently or previously in guardianship between the ages of 0-18
- Currently or previously living with a relative or friend of the family that was not your biological parent between the ages of 0-18
- Having been adopted
- Currently or previously experienced homelessness between the ages of 0-18 for more than 30 days

CONTACT

- guardianscholars@csuci.edu
- 805-437-3923
- www.csuci.edu/basicneeds/path

ASSIST WITH...

- Academic assistance
- Career exploration
- Financial literacy education
- Coaching and student leadership development
- Graduate school preparation
- Job and internship preparation and search assistance
- Guidance with housing, scholarships, and community resources
- Mentoring



FOSTER YOUTH PROGRAMS-UC



UC Los Angeles - First Star Bruin Guardian Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Los Angeles County foster youth with an open DCFS case
- Currently in 8th, 9th, and 10th grade (LAUSD schools preferred)
- Able and willing to participate in a 2-4 week residential component at the university, and monthly Saturday sessions during the school year
- At least a 2.0 GPA and 90% attendance in current and previous school year, unless there is a reasonable explanation for participation
- Demonstrates maturity and potential to thrive in a college-prep setting
- encouraged to apply online at <https://bgsa.ucla.edu/join/first-start-student-application> by December 3rd, 2022

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA

CONTACT

- Tomipe Kukoyi
- FSBGSA@saonet.ucla.edu
- (310) 825-5415
- Financial Aid:
- 310-206-0400

UC Los Angeles - Bruin Guardian Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- In order to be eligible for the BGS program you must be an admitted UCLA undergrad or graduate student that has experienced:
- foster care,
- houselessness,
- juvenile probation,
- or identify as an unaccompanied minor.

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA
- Housing Applications

CONTACT

- Teaira Nelson
- Tnelson@saonet.ucla.edu
- (310) 206-6995
- <https://bgsa.ucla.edu/>
- Financial Aid: 310-206-0400

University of California, Santa Cruz - Renaissance Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Students initiate enrollment in the program by completing an interest form.
- There are no requirements or documentation required to participate.

CONTACT

- Elizabeth Moya
- 831-459-4819
- renschol@ucsc.edu
- <https://renaissancescholars.ucsc.edu/index.html>
- Financial Aid: Celeste Lopez
- finaid@ucsc.edu
- 831-459-2963

ASSIST WITH...

- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA
- Housing application

UC Berkley - Berkeley Hope Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Verification of former child welfare status at any time before 18
- Undergraduate or graduate student
- Any age
- Adopted and orphaned

CONTACT

- Charly King Beavers
- charlykb@berkeley.edu
- 510 664-7 187
- <https://hope.berkeley.edu/>

ASSIST WITH...

- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA
- Housing application

UC Santa Barbara - Guardian Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Undergraduate or graduate student
- Any age
- Former Child Welfare status before 18, emancipated youth, current ward of the court or Kinship care

CONTACT

- Stephany Rubio, program director
- stephany.rubio@sa.ucsb.edu
- 805-314-9090
- Sophia Jeffe, coordinator
- (805) 451-1407
- sophia.jeffe@sa.ucsb.edu
- Financial Aid: Ariana Flores
- a_flores@ucsb.edu
- (805) 893-2386
- <https://www.sa.ucsb.edu/guardianscholars/home>

ASSIST WITH...

- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA
- Housing application

REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a UC Merced Student or have submitted a SIR to UC Merced
- Must identify with at least one of the following:
- Foster youth - someone who has been in foster care, no matter the length of time or age at the time of care.
- Emancipated Minor (arranged formally and informally) -someone who is a minor (under age 18 in CA) and is no longer under parental control and/or is financially independent.
- Homeless (or at risk of being homeless) - someone who is living in a shelter, on the street, or “couch hopping”.
- Living with Kin (arranged formally or informally) - someone whose care is provided by relatives, extended family member(s), friends, loved ones, etc. due to any number of reasons.
- Dependent or ward of the court - someone who has received protection from the court and may have had a legal guardian appointed either by the court or by parental consent.
- Orphaned-someone whose parents or legal guardians are deceased, unknown, or absent.
- * If you feel you may qualify but don't meet any of the criteria above email guardianscholars@ucmerced.edu
- The deadline for the Guardian Scholar application is always the day that the semester begins.

CONTACT

- Edith Ramirez
- eramirez226@ucmerced.edu
- 209-228-4235
- <https://www.sa.ucsb.edu/guardianscholars/home>
- Financial Aid: Lisa Silveira
- lsilveira@ucmerced.edu
- 209-228-2470



FOSTER YOUTH PROGRAMS- COMMUNITY COLLEGES



Cerritos College - L.I.N.C. Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- In foster care placement on or after 13th birthday
- Enroll in at least 3 units
- Be over the age of 16

HOUSING

- housing available (*via 3rd party referral*)
- housing available during summer and winter break

ASSIST WITH..

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA;
- Housing Applications;
- EOP&S

CONTACT

- Laura Delgado
- linc@cerritos.edu;
- ldelgado@cerritos.edu
- 562-860-2451 xt2398
- <https://www.cerritos.edu/linc/default.htm>
- Financial Aid: Leo Lopez
- llopez@cerritos.edu
- (562) 860-2451 ext. 2390
- EOPS: Patricia Robbins Smith
- 562-860-2451 xt2525
- probbinssmith@cerritos.edu

LA Southwest College - Next Up and Guardian Scholars

NEXT UP REQUIREMENTS

- NextUp Program Requirements:
- Be enrolled in at least 9 units
- Current or former foster youth in California whose dependency was established or continued on or after their 13th birthday
- Provide a court of verification letter
- Be under the age of 26

GUARDIAN SCHOLARS REQUIREMENTS

- Guardian Scholars Program:
- Current or former foster youth with proof of a Foster Care Verification Form
- Currently enrolled in at least 3 units
- Maintain a GPA of a minimum of 2.0

CONTACT

- Angelica Arauza
- arauzaa@lasc.edu;
- <https://www.lasc.edu/services/nextup>
- Naomi Hobayan
- hobayan@lasc.edu
- <https://www.lasc.edu/services/guardian-scholars>
- 213-241-5203

LA Harbor College - Next Up (CAFYES)

NEXT UP REQUIREMENTS

- Enrolled in 9 units (with DSPS letter),
- under the age of 26 at the start of the semester,
- CA resident,
- in care at the age of 16 (Ward Of Court verified)

ASSIST WITH..

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA;
- Housing Applications;
- EOP&S

CONTACT

- Tracye Jones
- JONESTL3@LAHC.EDU
- https://effectiveness.lahc.edu/student_services/eops/SitePages/Next-Up%20Home.aspx
- 310-233-4265

HOUSING

- housing referrals available through Housing Navigator
- housing not available during summer and winter break

Pasadena City College - Next Up

NEXT UP REQUIREMENTS

- Apply and be admitted to the EOP&S program
- Be enrolled in at least 9 units
- Have dependency established or continued by the court on or after your 13th birthday
- No older than 25 years of age at the beginning of the academic year

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA;
- Housing Applications;
- EOP&S; CAL FRESH, SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, CHILD CARE

CONTACT

- David Sigala Gomez (NextUp and CAFYES)
- dsigalagomez@pasadena.edu
- <https://pasadena.edu/academics/support/eops-foster-youth/nextup.php>
- 626.658.8075
- Financial Aid: Geyene Chechyan
- Financial Aid #: 626.585.7987

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION...

Students eligible to receive these additional services will benefit from extra “over and above” services exclusive only to EOP&S NextUp students.

- EOP&S NextUp Counselor
- Financial Assistance
- Additional funds for books, school supplies, meals, transportation, housing
- Need-based grant
- Tutoring Services
- Specialized Workshops
- College Tours and Student Conferences
- Study Abroad opportunities
- Vendor cards (Target, Walmart, grocery stores, Uber, gas cards, and fast-food chain cards)

HOUSING

- housing referrals available through Housing Navigator
- housing available during summer and winter break

GUARDIAN SCHOLARS REQUIREMENTS

- Separate application needed for this program
- A student who has been in foster care at any point in their life
- Ward of court letter.
- Once admitted, students need to complete 3 program requirements each semester:
 - One 30-minute appointment with an academic counselor,
 - Complete one progress check,
 - Attend one workshop/ event during the semester.

HOUSING

- housing available during summer and winter break

CONTACT

- Kevin Dimatulac
- kdimatulac@glendale.edu
- www.glendale.edu/communities
- 818-240-1000 x 3520
- Financial Aid: Linda Carrasco
- Financial Aid #: 626.585.7987
- Financial Aid: lindac@glendale.edu
- eopsdesk@glendale.edu
- EOPS Voicemail line: (818) 240-1000 ex. 6900

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA;
- Housing Applications;
- EOP&S;
- MSW interns who support student with a wide range of items

Mt. San Antonio College - REACH Guardian Scholars

REACH GUARDIAN SCHOLARS REQUIREMENTS

- Be 25 years or younger when joining the program
- Must have been part of the Foster Care system at least 1 day after their 13th birthday

CONTACT

- Jeze Lopez
- jlopez164@mtsac.edu
- 909-274-6556
- Financial Aid: Marlene Sandoval
- Financial Aid #: 909-274-5685
- Financial Aid: msandoval@mtsac.edu
- EOPS: Kaitlyn Yrineo
- EOPS: kyrineo@mtsac.edu
- EOPS: 909-274-5981

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA;
- Housing Applications;
- EOP&S

HOUSING

- housing available during summer and winter break

INSPIRE SCHOLARS REQUIREMENTS

- Ward of the Court letter
- Separate Application needed for Inspire Scholars Program
- Priority Application Due Date 1/31/23

ASSIST WITH...

- Academic counseling
- University transfer applications
- FAFSA/CADAA
- EOPS
- Connect with contacts to help with Medi-Cal, CalFRESH applications

CONTACT

- Dora Lozano
- dora.lozano@canyons.edu
- 661-362-3676
- www.canyons.edu/inspirescholars
- Financial Aid: Carmen Gonzalez
- Financial Aid #: 661-362-5242
- Financial Aid:
financialaid@canyons.edu
- EOPS: Lein Smith
- EOPS: eops@canyons.edu
- EOPS: 661-362-3759

REQUIREMENTS

- Current or former foster youth
- Currently enrolled in at least 9 units*
- Between the ages of 18-24 (if over 25, please email Guardianscholars@smc.edu)
- Have not yet attained an AA, AS, or BA
- *Not yet enrolled or enrolled in less than 9 units? Please email us!

ASSIST WITH...

- Academic, Career and Transfer Counseling
- Priority Enrollment
- Assistance with Financial Aid & CHAFEE Applications
- Tutoring
- Community-based referrals and resources
- Independent Living Program (ILP) Referrals
- Food Security
- Transportation Assistance (bus fee and gas cards)
- Mental Health Therapy (via Telehealth)
- Student Success Workshops

CONTACT

- Debra Joseph-Locke, Ed. D. - Guardian Scholars Coordinator, EOPS Supervisor, and CARE Coordinator
- Locke_Debra@smc.edu
- Christina Fuller, M.S.W. - Student Services Specialist (Guardian Scholars & Dream Program)
- Fuller_Christina@smc.edu
- Email: GuardianScholars@smc.edu
- Phone: 310-434-4491
- Program Website:
www.smc.edu/guardianscholars
- Financial Aid:
- Phone: 310-434-4343
- Fax: 310-434-3650
- Email: financialaid@smc.edu
- Interest Form:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/IFAIpQLSfpDNmCXVIsZYIWsPZIzDO6LezjMIMzs8FnGZVwEgPIOEM2dg/viewform>

El Camino College - Guardian Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Apply to ECC.
- Must be a current or former foster youth. [Documentation can include a Dependency Verification/ Ward of Court Letter from the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) or your Social/Community Worker.]
- Submission of FAFSA or CADAA.
- Note, we have a separate application to apply but there's no due date as we accept students on a rolling basis.

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA;EOP&S;
- Housing Applications;

CONTACT

- Helen Kang - counselor for Guardian Scholars Program.
- guardian@elcamino.edu for general questions
- hkang@elcamino.edu for specific questions
- 310-660-3593 ext. 7355 [general line]
- 657-204-0455 [direct line to Helen]
- <https://www.elcamino.edu/support/resources/guardian-scholars/index.aspx>
- Financial Aid contact - Sharonda Barksdale
- sbarksdale@elcamino.edu
- (310) 660-3593 ext. 6350
- EOPS - Edith Gutierrez
- egutierrez@elcamino.edu
- (310) 660-3593 ext. 3470

LA Pierce College - Next UP and Guardian Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Be enrolled in one unit
- Been in foster care since age 13 and/or up.

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA;EOP&S;
- Housing Applications;

CONTACT

- Guardianscholars@Piercecollege.edu
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LA City College - Guardian Scholars & Next Up

REQUIREMENTS

- Guardian Scholars- current/former foster youth, at least one enrolled class
- NextUp- in foster care of age 13 or over, 25 years old or under at start of the semester, 9 units minimum, CA resident

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA;EOP&S;
- Housing Applications;

CONTACT

- Alvaro Aguila
- aguilaam2@lacitycollege.edu
- <https://www.lacitycollege.edu/Resources/Guardian-Scholars/Department-Home>
- Financial Aid - Carrie Apolonio
- apolonci@lacitycollege.edu
- 323-953-4000 ext 2007
- EOPS - Sanda Novoa
- novoasg@lacitycollege.edu
- 323-953-4000 ext 2306

West Los Angeles College - Next Up Program

REQUIREMENTS

- Qualify for EOPS
[wlaac-eops@wlaac.edu](mailto:wlac-eops@wlaac.edu)
- Be enrolled in at least 9 units
guardscho@laccd.edu
- Current or former foster youth in California whose
310 287-4317
- dependency was established or continued on or after
their 13th birthday
- Provide a court of verification letter
- Be under the age of 26

CONTACT

- Angeles Abraham, EOPS
310-287-4317
wlaac-eops@laccd.edu
- Maria Mancina
manciam@wlaac.edu
guardianscholars@wlaac.edu
310-287-4530

West Los Angeles College - Guardian Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Current or former foster youth with proof of a Foster Care Verification Form

CONTACT

- Maria Mancina
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310 287 4530

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA;
- Housing Applications
- CAL FRESH, SCHOLARSHIPS,
- GRANTS, CHILD CARE
- Housing and community services referrals

LA Trade Technical College - Guardian Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- They have applied for admission to LATTC, or are already enrolled in the current semester.
- They were formerly or currently part of the state's foster care system.
- They are between the ages of 16 and 35.

ASSIST WITH...

- Provision of a comfortable virtual//in-person safe space where foster youth with similar experiences can network with one another and bond with friendship and support
- Book Grants
- Backpacks & Supplies
- Life Coaching
- Specialized Tutoring Services
- Academic and Career Counseling Referrals
- Access to affordable housing, employment opportunities and transportation assistance
- Assistance with food insecurities via food pantries, grocery store gift cards, etc.
- Weekly informational/resource workshop sessions
- Special Events and Field Trips

Compton College - Guardian Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- enrolled in at least one unit
- ages 16 to 26

CONTACT

- Tosin Williams
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- www.compton.edu
- (310) 900-1600 ext. 2025
- EOPS - (310) 900-1600 ext. 2912

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications
- Foster Youth Program Applications
- FAFSA/CADAA;EOP&S
- Formerly Incarcerated Students in Transition Program

Citrus College - Guardian Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Current or Former Foster Youth

CONTACT

- Jorge Razo
- jrazo@citruscollege.edu
- www.compton.edu
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- <https://www.citruscollege.edu/fkce/Pages/GuardianScholars.aspx>
- Financial Aid-Denise Luna
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- (626) 914-8555

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications
- Foster Youth Program Applications
- FAFSA/CADAA
- EOP&S